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25X1 1. [ ] Received a call from Mr. Bernard Poirier, Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who told me that the Senator was requesting our assistance in a matter relating to their office. 25X1

[ ] has apparently dropped out of sight in the last day or so after a message to his parents "that he had gotten involved in several things including CIA and was leaving the country immediately." I told Mr. Poirier that we would be pleased to provide such information that would be available here at Headquarters but that the problem is one for referral to the State Department for their action. He thanked me and said that he would contact Assistant Secretary Abshire's office. After checking with [ ] I called Mr. Poirier and told him that we have no record of any contact with [ ] the name he had given me on the previous call. Mr. Poirier said the State Department is now working on the matter and thanked me for our assistance.

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25X1 25X1A 3. [ ] Messrs. Maury and [ ] met with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed them on the current situation in Laos; intelligence community structure; the FY 1972 Agency budget and staff personnel strength; and "deficiencies" in the present espionage laws. Chairman Nedzi also asked about the status of the Deputy Director's position and discussed some of the recent press coverage he has received. See Memorandum for the Record.

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7. (Unclassified - LLM) In the absence of the Congressman, met with Jim Cromwell, Administrative Assistant, and Libby Reynolds, in the office of Representative Jack Kemp (R., N. Y.), concerning Mr. Kemp's interest in visiting the Agency. It was agreed to see if we could work out something following Thanksgiving recess, such as 30 November or 1 December, for a breakfast briefing at Headquarters for Representative Kemp and four or five other members he might recommend from the Republican 92nd Club, of which he is the President.

8. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Met with Peter Lakeland, Executive Secretary to Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), and he agreed to participate in a panel before the Advanced Intelligence Seminar at Headquarters on the morning of the 19th rather than the afternoon of the 17th of November, subject to the Senator's approval.

In connection with the White House intelligence announcement, Lakeland volunteered that the new arrangement seemed to make sense, but some suspect management of intelligence estimates. Lakeland said it would be disastrous to lose the Agency's objectivity as demonstrated by its performance on Vietnam, the Soviet threat, and the Middle East, and I told him that we foresaw no such impact but principally an enhancement of the Director's current leadership role within the intelligence community.

9. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Mr. Elko, Administrative Assistant to Representative Daniel J. Flood (D., Pa.), and, for the time being at least, closed out his inquiry [redacted] (see Journal of 9 November).

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